

The County of San Bernardino requires that domestic water systems within this jurisdiction are protected against contamination or pollution as a result of inadequate protection due to the lack of or malfunctioning of backflow prevention assemblies. In addition, State regulated water purveyors are also required to monitor backflow prevention devices to meet the California Code of Regulations, Title 17 requirements.

As of 1992, as a means of protecting the drinking water in San Bernardino County, the Division of Environmental Health Services has required that no person shall inspect, maintain, or test water back flow prevention assemblies without a current, valid Certificate of Competence. The certification required by § 33.06510 shall be valid for a period of three years from the date of qualification unless it has been revoked for cause in accordance with procedures established within this Article. Each person applying to qualify for certification or for renewal of his or her certification shall first pay all applicable fees to the San Bernardino County Division of Environmental Health Services (DEHS) for each activity in the amounts set forth in Chapter 2 of Division 6 of Title 1 of the San Bernardino County Code Schedule of Fees.

Currently, DEHS offers two testing dates per year; typically in June and December. All new registrants must successfully pass a written exam before sitting for the practical exam. All certificate holders who wish to renew must demonstrate competence at the practical exam. Candidates who are successful will receive a certificate and be maintained on our current testers list. DEHS also offers the option of being placed on our commercial testers list that is published on our website and solicited by water purveyors.

For more information on the backflow program, please contact DEHS at 909-387-4655.